

MINUTES
FARMINGTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 13, 2021

Technical Members Present:

Steven Saavedra, City of Aztec
Jason Thomas, City of Bloomfield
Beth Escobar, City of Farmington
Isaac BlueEyes (Alt.), City of Farmington
Javier Martinez, NMDOT District 5
Andrew Montoya, Red Apple Transit
Nick Porell, San Juan County

Technical Members Absent:

Virginia King, City of Farmington
Dan Flack, Town of Kirtland

Staff Present:

Peter Koeppel, MPO Officer
Kathryn Leys, MPO Associate Planner
June Markle, Administrative Assistant

Staff Absent:

None

Others Present:

Paul Eckert, City Manager, City of Aztec
Katie Mason, Planning Tech, City of Aztec
Joe Moriarty, NMDOT Planning Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Porell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Escobar moved to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2021 Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Saavedra seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed with no opposition.

3. STATUS OF TIP PROJECTS

Subject:	Status of TIP Projects
Prepared by:	MPO Staff & Technical Committee Members
Date:	October 13, 2021

BACKGROUND

- The STIP Protocols, finalized in early 2014, require that each MPO shall develop a process to monitor the progress and status of each project in the first two years of the TIP. These monthly reviews help correct inconsistencies in the TIP, STIP, the MPO's MTP, Agreement Request Forms (ARFs), etc. and provide for discussion among the members and NMDOT representatives.
- Listed below are the projects currently on the FFY2020-2025 TIP.
- The Policy Committee approved the new FFY2022-2027 TIP on May 27, 2021, which becomes effective on October 1, 2021.

TRACKING INFORMATION

Local Agreement Status (ARF) ROW Certification Design Completion 30 - 60 - 90% Environmental Certification Utilities Certification Railroad Certification Archeology Certification	ITS/Sys ENG Certification Public Involvement Certification
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PROJECTS ON FMPO FFY2020-2025 TIP

- Aztec
F100091 - East Aztec Arterial Phase II
- Bloomfield
F100300 - East Blanco Bridge
- Farmington
F100099 - Foothills Drive Enhancement Phase II
F100100 - East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase I
F100101 - East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase II
F100132 - 20th Street Phase III
TF00001 - Red Apple Transit
- San Juan County
F100021 - East Pinon Hills Blvd Extension Phase III
F100290 - CR 5500 Bridge Replacement
F100320 - Kirtland Schools Walk Path Extension
F100330 - Glade Run Recreation Area Trails Extension
F100360 - CR 3000 Bridge Replacement
F100370 - CR 3500 Bridge Replacement
F100380 - CR 6100 Pavement Rehab
- NMDOT
F100170 - NM 173 Safety Improvements
F100340 - US 550 Pavement Rehab
F100350 - NM 371/N36 (PE)
F100351 - NM 371/N36 (Const)

INFORMATION ITEM

- This is an information item only. Committee members will have an opportunity to provide any needed feedback/updates/details regarding the status of current TIP projects.

DISCUSSION: The Technical Committee members provided their project updates:

City of Aztec - Steven Saavedra

East Aztec Arterial

The City of Aztec is working with their contractor to recertify the environmental and utility certificates to NMDOT. Costs for the project are increasing and the City Commission has had to budget more funds to complete the project. Additionally, an administrative change is needed to the TIP to re-appropriate \$183,000 into design for FFY2021. Mr. Koepfel said administrative changes can be processed monthly and he would get this one completed. Mr. Saavedra added that the project should go to PS&E in March 2022.

City of Bloomfield - Jason Thomas

East Blanco Bridge

The design revisions are underway and a right-of-way draft is ready for an additional piece of property to the southeast that will be purchased. The City is working on the environmental certification for the project. Mr. Thomas said the project is fully funded and expects it to be out to bid in December or January.

City of Farmington - Isaac BlueEyes

20th Street

There were no bids received on this project last month. It will be re-bid in December.

Foothills Drive Phase II

Construction is in progress following a slow start as there were delays in receiving materials.

Red Apple Transit - Andrew Montoya

The transit shelters were received. One shelter has been installed on Ojo Court near the Sobering House and another one is currently underway at Orchard Plaza. Mr. Montoya reported that installation is taking about two weeks per shelter, but he anticipates that all 16 shelters will be completed by the end of the year.

San Juan County - Nick Porell

CR 5500 Bridge

Construction is moving smoothly and the first phase of the bridge should be open to traffic on October 27.

Kirtland Schools Walk Path Extension

This project is under review by the County's purchasing office. Mr. Porell said they hope to work through contracts in December and issue a notice to proceed in mid-January to avoid a winter shutdown.

Glade Run Recreation Trails Extension

This project is under construction. The bike park just outside the City of Farmington city limits is completed and has already seen lots of use and enjoyment.

CR 6100 Pavement Rehab

The signed TPF agreement was sent back to NMDOT.

NMDOT District 5 - Javier Martinez

Mr. Martinez joined the meeting late, but commented that District 5 is working on the applications requesting LTP funding.

Prior to Mr. Martinez joining the meeting, Mr. Moriarty stated that the MPO members had asked when they might receive the signed PFF forms from District 5 for the TAP/RTP/CMAQ funding. Mr. Koepfel said he would re-send that information to Mr. Martinez. Mr. Martinez said he would get the signed PFFs back to the entities as soon as possible.

5. REPORTS FROM NMDOT

Planning Division - Joseph Moriarty

FFY2022 began on October 1, 2021. A notice to proceed was issued to all the MPOs on September 30, 2021.

The Planning Bureau is monitoring the 2020 Census updates and timelines. NMDOT may be required to adjust urban area boundaries throughout the state which may affect some MPO and RTPO boundaries. FHWA has informed NMDOT that a Federal Register notice regarding this issue will be published next spring. Mr. Moriarty anticipates minimal impact in the northern part of the state with Roswell being the most likely to be impacted.

The FTP site upload information for the TAP/RTP/CMAQ applications will be in today's Govt-to-Govt Update. Each application must be a single PDF and are due to NMDOT on October 29.

NMDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update meeting will be held on November 2. Please share the invitation with MPO members and entity staffs.

Chair Porell asked if Mr. Moriarty would follow up with Mr. Martinez on receiving the signed PFFs from District 5. Mr. Koepfel added that all the MPO applicants need the signed PFFs returned.

District 5 - Javier Martinez

Mr. Martinez had no additional information to report.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Subject:	Committee Member Discussion Items
Date:	October 13, 2021

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no additional discussion items provided by Technical Committee members for inclusion on the Agenda.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

Subject:	Information Items
Prepared by:	MPO Staff
Date:	October 13, 2021

INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. **Local Road Safety Plan.** FHWA and NMDOT have offered consulting services to the FMPO to conduct a Local Road Safety Plan.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Koepfel reported that MPOs had been offered the opportunity to participate and/or work with a consultant and FHWA on a local road safety program for the MPO region. Staff has expressed interest in the program as this effort will help to identify projects in the area eligible for federal funding for all types of users. The consultant is already working on a similar effort with Navajo DOT so this could work well on a county-wide basis.

Mr. Koepfel thanked Chair Porell, Mr. Thomas and Mr. BlueEyes for participating in the recent regional ITS architecture update discussion. They are working with the NMDOT consultant on a regional update to work on signal timing optimization, monitoring traffic, cameras, etc. The MPO appreciate all the time and assistance from the entities.

Chair Porell commented on the possibility of collaborating with NMDOT and using their NM Roads platform for upload and post local road conditions such as construction work, accidents, and/or snow conditions. Chair Porell said he would look into this further and Mr. Koepfel offered MPO assistance as well.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mr. Saavedra reported that the City of Aztec is moving forward with moving the water line for NMDOT's safety improvement project on NM 173. The City's Public Works Director is looking to advertise the project soon with an anticipated award in December and construction beginning in January 2022.

Mr. Martinez was able to join the meeting and replied that the NM 173 project is scheduled to go out to bid next month with the notice to proceed and construction beginning sometime in the spring of 2022.

Chair Porell reported that the New Mexico State University Extension Office in Aztec has an open house scheduled for October 14 at 4:00 p.m. at a new community farm they recently opened. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

There was no additional business from the Chairman, Members and Staff.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment on any issues not on the agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Saavedra moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Escobar seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.



Nick Porell, Technical Committee Chair



June Markle, Administrative Assistant